Workshop: New Perspectives in the History of Child Health

June 21-22, 2024, University of Fribourg (Campus Pérolles, PER 17, Room 0.36)



Day 1 (June 21)

9:30-10:30 Introductory Session

- Note-takers during conference: Mona Baie and Jasmine Lovey
- Time-keeper, co-organizer and session chair: Janet Golden

10:30-11 Coffee Break

11-12:30 Paper Session I

Leslie Reagan (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign): From "Thalidomide Babies" to

Thalidomiders: Re-Thinking the History of Thalidomide, 1960-2020

Commentator: Salim Al-Gailani

Kelly Duke Bryant (Rowan University): Medicine and Surveillance: The Policing of Child Health in

Colonial Senegal, 1890-1930

Commentator: Anne Oommen-Halbach

12:30-14h Lunch Break

14-15:30 Paper Session II

Felix Rietmann (University of Fribourg): Between Medical Experimentation and Pharmaceutical

Marketing: Vitamin D, Rickets, and Preventive Pediatrics in Switzerland since the 1920s

Commentator: Alex Parry

Mikayla Harden (University of Delaware): Excavating Grief and Love: Black Child Loss in the Early

American Atlantic World

Commentator: Jason Cherensky

15:30-16 Coffee Break

16-17:30 Paper Session III

Jacopo Nocchi (Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg): "Mother, there is no other choice" (母亲,别无选择): how autism accounts highlight the historical nexus with notions of children and parental health in China

Commentator: Saha Ranjana

Anne-Emanuelle Birn (University of Toronto): Infant Social Security: The Creation, Circulation, and

Resonance of Uruguay's Child Rights Approach to Health, 1900-1940s

Commentator: Heather Dron

18:30h Dinner

Day 2 (June 22)

9-10:30 Paper Session IV

Saha Ranjana (University of Turku): A 100 Years Of The First Calcutta Baby Week (1924): 'Scientific' Child Healthcare Ideas & Initiatives In Colonial Calcutta

Commentator: Mikayla Harden

Alex Parry (Johns Hopkins University): Childproof: Health, Safety, and the Electric Vaporizer

Commentator: Leslie Reagan

10:30-11 Coffee Break

11-12:30 Paper Session V

Jason Chernesky (Johns Hopkins University): Placeholder title – Moving Beyond Innocent Victimhood: Boarder Babies and the Making of AIDS-Relief Policy in the United States, 1984 – 1994.

Commentator: Kelly Duke Bryant

Heather Dron (University of California San Francisco): "A gold mine for human research": Sonoma State Home's transition from a vanguard of eugenic sterilization to a pediatric medical genetics' laboratory (1950-1965)

Commentator: Jacopo Nocchi

12:30-14 Lunch Break

14h-15:30h Session VI

Anne Oommen-Halbach (University of Düsseldorf): "The Aggressive Child" – Development of aggression research in East- and West-Germany (1949-1989)

Commentator: Anne-Emanuelle Birn

Salim Al-Gailani (University of Cambridge): Not purely a family problem': paediatric surgeons, parents' organizations, and the 'discovery' of spina bifida in post-war Britain

Commentator: Felix Rietmann

15:30-16 Coffee Break

16-17h Wrap-up session

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